

nail enhancements to be offered. A prospective customer then examines the enhancements and selects the one or more preferred for application to the customer's own fingernails. This enables the customer to learn the appearance of an enhancement before committing to its purchase. Additional nail enhancements can be displayed on 5 one or more nail enhancement training devices which are attached together after applying the nail enhancements, for example, by stringing together in a necklace arrangement using the a string of the beads, cord or chain as seen on Fig. 8.

[0039] It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that the examples and embodiments described herein are by way of illustration and not of limitation, and 10 that other examples may be used without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention, as set forth in the appended claims.

CLAIMS.

I claim:

1. A nail enhancement training device comprising:
15 a cylindrical handle having a circumference at least at one end,
a multiplicity of nails which simulate human fingernails in size and shape
each nail having a proximal and a distal end,
the nails attached by the proximal ends to at least one end of the handle,
the nails arrayed about the circumference of the end of the handle with a gap
20 between adjacent nails.
2. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein the distal ends of the nails have a thickness of from approximately 0.5 mm to approximately 1.25 mm.
3. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein the distal ends of the nails are pointed, square shape with rounded each corner, round, or oval-shaped.
- 25 4. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein the weight of the device

approximates that of a human finger.

5. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein the gap between the nails is approximately 2 mm.

6. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein the width of the 5 nails is from 4 mm to 25 mm.

7. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein the length of the device is approximately 115 cm and the diameter of the device is approximately 20 cm.

8. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein the material of 10 construction is plastic.

9. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein curvature of the nails approximates the curvature of a human fingernail.

10. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein the nails have a surface which feels like the surface of a human fingernail.

15 11. A kit for displaying the nail art and the colors of nail polishes in nail enhancement methods comprising:

a nail enhancement training device,

nail enhancement materials,

tools for the application of nail enhancement materials, and

20 instructional materials for teaching the methods of nail enhancement.

12. The method of training an operator in nail enhancement comprising the steps:

a. grasping a nail enhancement training device by the operator with the operator's fingers and thumb engulfing the device and the nail to be treated and

25 b. applying nail enhancement materials to the nail to be treated using the operator's other hand.

13. The method of training an operator in nail enhancement of claim 12 further comprising the step following step b.:

c. removing the nail enhancement materials from the nail.

14. The method of training an operator in nail enhancement of claim 13 further